

LOOMER SAYS CHARGE OF BRIBERY WAS TO HURT BANK

SAYS DENEEN IS THROWING THE DUST

Declares Governor Would
Blind the People by As-
sailing Him.

**MCCORMICK WANTS
TO CONTROL HIM**
Says Chicago Editor Would
Hurt His Bank and Injure
Him Politically.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—A strenuous denial of the charge that he had obtained his seat in the United States senate through bribery and corruption was made before that body today by William Lorimer, of Illinois. His statement has been eagerly awaited by his colleagues, and the senate was crowded. Concluding, Mr. Lorimer offered a resolution calling for a senatorial investigation of the charges against him.

Mr. Lorimer detailed the facts of the publication in the Chicago Tribune on April 1st of the story over the signature of Charles A. White, member of the Illinois legislature, in which it was alleged that Mr. Lorimer had secured his seat in the senate through bribery and corruption.

To Injure His Bank.
"The story," he said, "was framed and published with the deliberate purpose to destroy the new banking association in Chicago which I had been organizing with some of my friends."

Mr. Lorimer defended Lee O'Neil Browne, the Democratic leader in the Illinois house of representatives through whom it was alleged the bribes passed, as entirely above such a proceeding. He declared that Mr. McCormick, of the Tribune, had declared that the bank never should open and also asserted that White did not write the story published, but "it was the work of a trained newspaper hand, skilled in the art of creating scandal out of lies, when it is thought necessary to blacken the character of one whom a newspaper cannot control."

He asserted that representatives Link and Beckmeyer had not made confessions as has been charged, but on the contrary said: "The charges stand as they stood April 30, uncorroborated lies of the Tribune, supported only by the bought signature of their weak tool, White."

Paper Lied, He Says.
Senator Lorimer with increasing vehemence asserted that the Chicago paper "lied and knew it lied," in charging that money was used to purchase his election. "Not one dollar was paid a single member of the general assembly for his vote for me," he declared.

Mr. Lorimer traced his breach with governor Deneen, whom he charged with personally advising in the preparation of the White story, largely to a difference of opinion between the two as to the wisdom of spending independently of the action by the national government, the \$200,000 pledged by the state toward a deep waterway to the gulf, a project which the governor favored and he opposed.

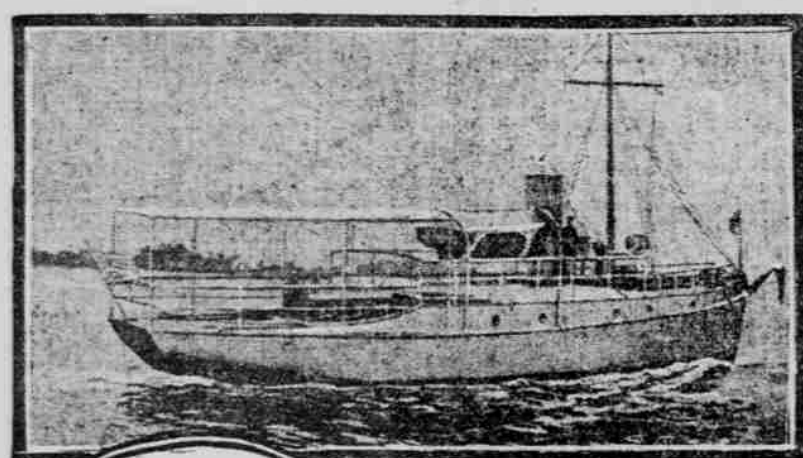
Attacks Deneen.
He said: "The governor joined this campaign of slander because he saw an opportunity to throw dust in the eyes of the people, use the conspiracy to defeat those who stood for federal cooperation in expending \$20,000,000, and secure control of the next legislature. Why he persists in his efforts to get control of the \$20,000,000 when he well knows that it is not sufficient to construct a waterway, is a mystery I cannot fathom."

Concluding, Mr. Lorimer said the Tribune had dogged him all these years because it has not been able to lash him into submission.

**ONE OF LOOMER'S FRIENDS
INDICTED BY GRAND JURY**
Springfield, Ill., May 28.—An indictment

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The Berneyo Wins the Yacht Race, Philadelphia To Havana



THE BERNEYO.

Havana, Cuba, May 28.—The Berneyo, owned by S. W. Granbery, of Brooklyn, won the yachmen power boat race from Philadelphia to Havana. The Berneyo arrived an hour later than the Caliph, a scratch boat, but earned a victory on a time allowance.

The race was owned by commander M. E. Brigham, of the Ventnor Yacht club.

The race started last Saturday from Philadelphia. The first boat, the Caliph, arrived at 6:03:14 in Havana last evening. The Berneyo, came in one hour and 14 seconds later.

STEREOTYPED BIG INCREASE WELL AT TOYAH IN CUSTOMS BUSINESS

Is Fenced in and Notices
Positively Forbid Curious
Approaching.

DESCRIPTION OF THE OIL FIELD

(By M. L. Swidzinski, Secretary Pecos Commercial Club.)

Toyah, Tex., May 28.—A six and seven-eighths inch casing, projecting two feet above the ground, a pile of ypsilon, now crystallized, slush from the well, scattered and broken parts of machinery, all surrounded by a circular wire fence enclosing an acre of ground, with notices posted at regular intervals on the same, stating "Positively No Admittance," are responsible for the various and conflicting rumors concerning the Toyah oil field.

This is all that can be seen of the well recently drilled and of which so much has been said and written.

Neither the log nor the depth of the well could be obtained from those having the well in charge.

This well has been capped but not sealed.

A standard rig, with a capacity of 5000 feet, is now at work on a well about 1000 feet north of the former location and is working day and night.

Between these two wells, and running nearly east and west, is a ravine or draw that may prove the making or unmaking of a great oil field. If this draw marks the location of a fault, then there is little prospect of ever producing oil in paying quantities from this location.

The anticline crosses this surface, marking it at an angle of about 45 degrees, and a comparison of the formation found in the two wells will determine largely the fate of the territory as an oil producing section.

In 1903, while drilling a well for water, a light deposit of oil was encountered, which encouraged local capital to set down 15 more wells in the vicinity of the first. These wells averaged 200 feet in depth, and all produced some oil, varying in quantity from one gallon to one-half barrel per day. Because of the cost attendant upon pumping the oil to this height in such limited quantities all the wells

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El Paso Port Will Break All
Records by Large Amount
This Year.

COLLECTION COST IS QUITE LIGHT

The aggregate custom receipts at the local custom house will run to approximately \$710,000 for the year ending June 30, 1910, an increase of over \$200,000 over the year previous.

The value of imports passed through this port for the 1910 fiscal year will approximate \$4,000,000, an increase of nearly a million dollars over the year 1909.

The value of the exports from the United States into Mexico will approximate \$7,000,000 for the past year, an increase of about a million and three-quarters over the year 1909.

The month of May, 1910, will hold the record for receipts at the local custom house, as more than \$150,000 has already been collected during the month. The total for the month will probably reach \$160,000, as against \$98,000 for the month of May, 1909.

The above figures may be accepted as an accurate barometric indication of the business conditions of both the United States and Mexico.

One cause of the remarkable increase in imports and exports is in the opinion of collector Sharpe, the improved business conditions of the country, and another is the increased importation of Mexican cattle into the United States.

The cost for collecting duties at this port, per dollar, is 13 3-10 cents.

It cost the United States \$399.41 per dollar of imports at Annapolis, Md., last year, and \$122.49 at Alexandria, Va., to make collections.

El Paso came first in Texas in 1909 in the amount of duties collected, her nearest competitor being Galveston, with \$455,882.93 collected at a cost of 20 6-10 cents per dollar.

**REFORM BUREAU PROTESTS
AGAINST BIG FIGHT**

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Protest against the proposed Jeffries-Johnson prize fight, July 4, the International Reform bureau has issued an open letter to congress.

Other state and national organizations are to be asked to join in a movement to have congress withhold official endorsement of San Francisco as the scene of the proposed Panama canal exposition in 1915.

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Senator Lorimer and Colleague, and Governor Whom He Assails



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HALF HOLIDAY DENIED BY MERCHANTS

Hudspeth Tells Them That
Governor Says Insurance
Rates Must Be Cut.

MUTUAL PLAN IS TO BE LOOKED UP

There will be no Saturday 6-o'clock-in-the-afternoon closing or any weekly half holidays for clerks in El Paso this summer, so far as the Retail Merchants' league is concerned. Positive action was taken Friday night at the weekly meeting of the league, when a motion was made by Robert Moore that the secretary of the league be instructed to write a letter to the Woman's Missionary union of El Paso stating that the majority of the merchants of the city were opposed to the Saturday afternoon or half holiday closing idea.

The sentiment of the merchants on the question was obtained by a committee appointed at the previous meeting and named, by the representative of the Missionary union, Rev. C. O. Beckman. The committee found that of the 72 members of the league, only 22 would sign a petition to close their stores if the others in their line of business closed.

Hudspeth Reports.
Senator Claude R. Hudspeth, who represents the league at Austin, in an endeavor to get relief from the exhorbitant and unjust insurance rates applied to this city, made a report of his trip. He stated that he interviewed two members of the rating board, who, while admitting on proof shown by senator Hudspeth that the rates seemed too high, stated that the board was powerless to do anything. He interviewed several legal authorities, including

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WORK IS ORDERED ON ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Preliminary work in connection with the Rio Grande irrigation project at Elephant Butte will be inaugurated at once by the reclamation service, in accordance with instructions from the secretary of the interior.

The plan contemplates that actual construction of the foundation of the great dam, the most important engineering feature of the project, shall be begun by July, 1911.

The Rio Grande project will provide for the reclamation of 180,000 acres of land lying in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

It is estimated that the entire project will cost \$9,000,000.

The dam site will be one of the most remarkable structures of its kind in the world. It will have a maximum height of 205 feet and the length at the crest will be 1400 feet.

The reservoir created will be the largest artificial body of water in the world.

COMMITTEE HEARS BALLINGER'S SIDE

Ballinger Guilty, All Interior
Officials Are, Says
Attorney.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Attorney Vertrees, representing secretary Ballinger, made his argument before the investigating committee today. He referred, at length, to the land laws of Alaska, and said Mr. Ballinger had come into office when the Cunningham case had been brought nearly to completion; that he entered the office with the single idea to discharge his duty.

"If the committee should decide against secretary Ballinger," said Mr. Vertrees, "it would have to cast an imputation upon every man in the interior department who has had any thing to do with the Cunningham claims."

The testimony against the secretary was termed "malevolent vociferation," by attorney Vertrees, declaring there had been no substantial charge against the secretary.

"Guggenheim seems to be the bogie of the west," said Vertrees with emphasis. "I assume he, like other men, has his virtues and his faults. He built a railroad in Alaska without any stock or bond issue, and with his own money, and that seems to me to be a good thing."

SLANDER SUIT OUT OF TRIAL

Attorney Withdraws Re-
marks and Makes Apology
to Injured.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Oscar Lawler, assistant attorney general for the interior department, today said he had sent to the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee and to Christopher P. Connolly and James R. Connolly, letters disavowing any intention of doing Messrs. Connolly any injury in his testimony before the committee and withdrawing his remarks with an apology.

Connolly, who is a lawyer of Montana and New York and a well known magazine writer, filed a slander suit in the supreme court of the District of Columbia against Lawler yesterday. Connolly asked \$20,000 damages. The basis of the action was the testimony alleged to have been given by Lawler May 17 before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee, wherein Lawler is alleged to have referred to Connolly and others as "despicable scoundrels" who would stoop to any depths of degradation.

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NOW READY TO LOCK HORNS

Fight Between Two Countries
Appears to Be an Ab-
solute Certainty.

ESTRADA FORCES BADLY DEFEATED

United States May Capture
Nicaraguan Boat That Got
False Clearance.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Official advice to the state department, from both Lima, Peru, and Quito, Ecuador, indicate that warlike preparations between Peru and Ecuador are being rapidly pushed forward and a conflict seems inevitable.

May Recapture Venus.

New Orleans, La., May 28.—Advice this morning are that the United States revenue cutter Winson, now at Galveston, is ordered to prepare to sail for Nicaragua accompanying the cutter Davey. The object of the cruise is to bring back the Nicaraguan warship Venus, the news of the capture of which by the gunboat Paducah is momentarily expected here.

If the Paducah is unable to locate the Venus, the cutter will be able to effect its capture, both being provided with armament.

False Clearance.

It is understood to be the intention of the United States to capture the boat and bring it back to New Orleans, where it left on its mission. A telegram from Washington in this regard, says:

"State department officials are incensed at statements contained in two cablegrams reported to have been sent to president Madrid at Nicaragua by senator Louis Cress, his representative in the United States, regarding conditions under which the steamer Venus, now the Nicaraguan gunboat, obtained her clearance papers at New Orleans."

"These cablegrams, if authentic, seem to show conclusively that the Venus was intended as a warship to operate against the revolutionary forces on the east coast of Nicaragua and that when she sailed from New Orleans, she carried provisions and implements of war."

"This is contrary to the evidence said to have been given by the representatives of the Madrid government before the United States court."

Estrada Repulsed.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, May 28.—The government forces under cover of the fire of the gunboat San Jacinto, routed the insurgents and captured Bluefields bluff. This loss to the Estrada forces probably ends the revolution.

Yesterday morning at 3 o'clock, the Madrid gunboat San Jacinto began bombarding the bluff, the troops landing under cover of the guns. There was only slight fighting, however, until 6 o'clock when the Madrid forces succeeded in taking the position of the enemy and the bluff.

The Estrada troops were under command of Gen. Zeledon. The force of Madrid in the engagement is estimated at 500 and that of Estrada at 200.

The Estrada gunboats Blanca and Ometepe escaped up the Escondido river.

The government generals, Lara and Chavarria, have not yet attacked Rama, which is in the hands of the revolutionists.

Gen. Estrada takes his defeat at Bluefields calmly. He says he intends to make further resistance. No damage has yet been done to American property here.

**SHERMAN EXPLOSION INJURES
MAN, DAMAGES PROPERTY.**

Sherman, Tex., May 28.—A dollar in the plant of the Sherman Cotton Oil & Provision company, exploded this morning, seriously injuring Simon Sulger, an employee. It caused a \$2000 damage.

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE TO PANAMA CANAL

New Orleans, La., May 28.—A special cablegram received here this morning from Colon says:

Accidents to the Panama canal the last 30 days caused a loss of at least a million dollars, according to investigations just completed by American experts.

The most serious slide was at the dam at Gatun. This caused the recent report that the Costa Rican earthquake had damaged the workings. A long stretch of railroad trestle was washed into the Chagres river.

Culebra cut was flooded when the dam broke between the canal and Obispo division, opening a space 150 feet wide, and the loss there will total half a million dollars.

Dredge boat No. 3, valued at \$50,000, sank in heavy seas.

Treat For The Herald Children Next Week

Next Wednesday and Thursday will be Herald children's day at Washington electric park. The Herald will resume its children's days at the park this season and will give the little ones free tickets for various concessions once every month. The first treat is going to be for next Wednesday and Thursday, June 1 and 2. Coupons will be printed in the paper next week.

There will be lots of fun for the boys and girls of The Herald family playing under the shady trees, looking at the animals, riding the merry-go-round and Cupid's slide and looking at the pictures in the theater. Watch for the coupons.

TEXAS COMPANY IS BIGGEST IN STATE

Houston, Tex., May 28.—Stockholders of the Texas company, in session here today, voted to increase the capital from \$18,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The action makes the Texas company the largest corporation in Texas.

Judge R. E. Brooks, treasurer, said the reports of a merger with the Standard are unfounded; that no such arrangement is contemplated and added: "You cannot make this statement too strong."

SIX MILLION DOLLAR MINE DEAL IS CLOSED

Torreon, Mexico, May 28.—The sale of the great Xalen mine for six million dollars has been made and the first payment of four millions is now on hand to be turned over to the original owners.

These mines are located in the state of Chihuahua, near the main line of the Mexican Central railroad, but are owned principally by Torreon and San Pedro people. The company was organized a few years ago on a small capitalization and it was only through great efforts that a sufficient amount of stock was sold with which to carry on development work. The mine suddenly became a bonanza, producing such an enormous amount of ore that it was hard to find a market for all of it at the smelters. Large and frequent dividends have been paid.

The purchaser is an American syndicate which will build a large smelter at the mines for treating the ores.